8. Cooperation in tne iield of Protection of Environment and Natural Resources: Areas of cooperation include on subjects such as global environment, climatic changes, depletion of the ozone layer, conservation of biological diversity, protection of tigers and Siberian cranes. Prevention of trade in endangered species. The facilitation of direct contacts between organisations (state, public and private). Tbe establishment of a working group. Forms of cooperation joint projects, exchange of information. Nodal agencies Ministry of Eniionment and Forests, India and the Ministry of Environment Protection and Natural Resources, Russia.

9. *Standardisation, Meterology and Certification;* Nodal agencies, Bureau of Indian standards and the Committees of the Russian Federation for standardisa tion, Meteorology, and certification : A sub-working Group to be established. Co operation in the field of standardisation, Meterology and certification. Joint re search and standards specimen checks.

10. Defence related agreements.

Protoco, to the Agreement on extending credit to tlie Republic oj India for financing long-term projects in the field of technical cooperation and for purchasing special equipment, dated September 17, 1992: The Protocol makes amendments to the September 17, 1992 agreement aad extends the period of utilisation of the credit till September 1996. US $ 830 million worth of special equipment is io he delivered under the Agreement. 5 per cent interest, 7 years ' maintained.

11. *Agreement on formation of indo-Russian aviation Pvt, Ud.* signed between Aviation Industries on Tndian and Russia sides. Indian Partners are Hindus-fan Aeronautics Ltd. and Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India Ltd. The Russian partners are the Moscow Aircraft Production Organisation The Mikoyaa Design Bureau, State Corporation for Armaments Export 'Ro»-voorouzheniye' and the Ryazan State Instruments Plant.

The Joint Venture will soon be registered under Indian Law and wi'l provide a wide range of maintenance support and services to all aircraft of Russian origin in India and in third countries. The Joint Ventuie shall have an authorised share capita! of US Dollars 400 million. Equity 50 : 50.

Setting up of Food Processing Indus. tries in the State *of* Madhya Pradesh

2097. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal un der Government's consideration to make any assessment regarding potentiality of the State of Madhya Pradesh for the setting up of food processing industries; and

(b) what are the details and salient fea tures thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF IHE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOl):
(a) and (b) The assessment of potential of food processing industries in a State is done generally by the State concerned and the Ministry extends financial assistance under its Plan Schemes for studies ling identification of potentials. No request for assistance has been received from Madhya Pradesh for such studies.

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8, SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that 'he problem of unemployement in the country can be solved to some extent with the help of setting up of Food Processing Industries- and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government in this direction?